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2	How many runs did Aminul Islam score against New Zealand?	
14	16	16
3	Who won the cricket World Cup in 1979?	
Australia	W Indies	Canada
4	Who are the current ICC runners-up?	
Kenya	Scotland	Germany
5	Who is the vice-captain of the Bangladesh cricket team?	
Mahmud	Minhaz	Naimur

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Steve Waugh

(Australia cricket captain)
"I don't know if it's moral but it's within the rules and we needed two points to get through. The bigger picture is that we are here to win the World Cup."

About his team's 'go-slow' approach in the match against West Indies.

Huber, Medvedev to marry after French Open

BONN, June 1: Ukraine's French Open men's quarter-finalist Andrei Medvedev will marry German star Anke Huber after the French Open, it was reported on Monday, says AFP.

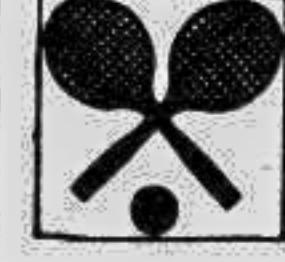
A Heidelberg restaurant owner, who will be a witness at the wedding, broke the news to German paper *Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung*.

Medvedev, who faces Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten in the French Open quarter-finals after numbering world number two Pete Sampras among his victims, and Huber, both 24, have bought a house in Heidelberg where they will set up their marital home.



Bayern Munich defender Lothar Mathaeus (L) clears the ball while AC Milan's George Weah watches during a friendly match in Mainz on May 31. The Italian team won the match 3-2. —AFP photo

Latin quartet on a roll



PARIS, June 1 (AP): They say success breeds success. That seems to be the case for South American players, whose domination of the European clay-court season is continuing at full steam at the French Open.

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fourth-round matches.

The emergence of Rios, briefly ranked No 1 last year, and Kuerten, the surprising 1997 French Open champion, have inspired other South American players to reach unprecedented heights at Roland Garros.

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Kuerten was champion again, beating Australian Patrick Rafter in the final.

Of the South American quartet still in the tournament, Filippi, ranked No 110 and the first Uruguayan to reach the last eight of a Grand Slam, is the most surprising survivor.

Meligeni has been a revelation, eliminating Rafter, the No 3 seed, and 14th-seeded Felix Mantilla.

South American players say that beyond geography, they have little in common.

"I think we have many different types, the way the play, their coaches, and the way they think about the game," Kuerten said.

But one obvious feature of the Brazilian pair is their physique — or rather lack of it.

In contrast to many of the muscular players on the circuit, the Brazilians are scrawny, but Meligeni doesn't see that as a problem.

"Power is from your mind, your heart," he said. "I am not strong but I fight a lot. You don't need to be like Schwarzenegger to play tennis. You have to play smart," he said.

Juve, champions of Europe in 1996 and beaten finalists in the following two years, will now try for a UEFA Cup berth via the Intertoto Cup after losing on the away goals rule.

If they fail, they will miss out on European competition for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

Carlo Ancelotti's side, who drew 0-0 in Udine in the first leg, looked to have done enough to book an automatic place when Filippo Inzaghi put them ahead from the penalty spot in the 23rd minute.

Udinese rallied in the second half and equalised after 71 minutes through Paolo Poggi, who slammed home a close range shot after Brazilian Amoroso brilliantly hooked a deep cross back from the Juvenus touch line.

The visitors clung on in seven tense minutes of injury time to reach the UEFA Cup for the third consecutive season.

"It's been a difficult championship and it's ended in difficulty," Ancelotti said. "Reaching the UEFA Cup was a modest objective and we failed to achieve it."

Juve and Udinese finished level on points in sixth and seventh place respectively in this year's championship, forcing the play-off.

Sydney tickets on sale



SYDNEY, June 1: Australians received their first opportunity to buy a seat at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games Sunday, when the local ticket offer opened and put five million of the 9.6 million tickets up for grabs, reports AP.

The first of millions of copies of the Official Olympic Games Ticket Book was sent out with Sunday newspapers across the country. Buyers have 48 days to return order forms with full payment.

Ticket sales will give Sydney Olympic organisers a strong indication whether the International Olympic Committee corruption scandals have hit interest in next year's Games.

Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) general manager Bob Elphinston said the delivery of the ticket books was the culmination of five years of planning which delivers a schedule which has the largest number of sessions and the largest number of sports in the history of the Games.

"Now as a father, I couldn't miss the opportunity to take my son to an Olympic Games in his own country because I know vividly he'll recall those experiences for the rest of his life."

A monthly monitor of Olympic interest released May 27 found it had fallen to its lowest in a year.

The Roy Morgan Research Olympic Games survey found

that 66 per cent of Australians surveyed in March said they were interested in the Games, down from 68 per cent in December 1998 when the Salt Lake City scandal broke.

General interest in attending any event dropped three per cent to 41 per cent in the three months to March.

Popular events such as the opening and closing ceremonies, swimming finals and some athletics, gymnastics and basketball sessions are expected to be oversubscribed, with a random ballot used to decide who gets tickets.

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